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**FORMER NLR SCHOOL BOARD OFFICER INDICTED
IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE**

Little Rock - Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced that Malcolm Trent Cox, age 48, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on charges of Receipt, Attempted Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography.

In May, 2009, a Little Rock Police Department Detective was investigating Arkansas computers that were sharing child pornography on the internet. During this peer to peer investigation, the Detective discovered a computer that was receiving and possessing child pornography. A subpoena to the internet service provider for the computer revealed it belonged to Mary Cox in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Based on this information, the Detective obtained a search warrant for the Cox residence. On September 17, 2009, the search warrant was executed and computer evidence was seized. Malcolm Cox was advised of his Miranda rights, waived them and admitted that he used Limewire, a file sharing software, to download child pornography. A subsequent forensic analysis of the computer equipment revealed thousands of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

“We are so very fortunate to have valuable law enforcement partners like the Little Rock Police Department involved in Project Safe Childhood,” stated Duke. When we work with one another as Project Safe Childhood contemplates, we are better able to protect our children on the internet.”

Malcolm faces a 60 month minimum mandatory sentence under the receipt charge.

This investigation was conducted by the Little Rock Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marsha Clevenger.

An indictment contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

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